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U.S. Supersonic Plane Leads Russia 2 Years

WASHINGTON (AP) — The government scientists credited with enabling the United States to gain a two-year lead over Russia in designing faster-than-sound planes were announced Friday as winners of this year's Collier trophy.

The trophy is generally regarded as aviation's highest award. It goes this time to John Stack, 44, assistant director of the Langley Aeronautical Laboratory at Langley Field, Va., and his associates in the development of a transonic wind tunnel.

Although it is believed that dry land often has been depressed to form deep oceans, there is little evidence to show that deep ocean beds ever have been elevated to form land.

Heavy Snowfall Grounds Santa

PLATTSBURGH, N. Y. (AP) — It doesn't make sense, but it happened — a snowstorm grounded Santa Claus.

Santa left his North Pole workshop on Whiteface Mountain in the nearby Adirondacks Friday and came to Plattsburgh, but he got no farther.

It was snowing here and visibility was too poor for the takeoff of two planes that were to have carried Santa and his assistants through the skies with Christmas toys for needy girls and boys.

The planes, DC-3s lent by an oil company (ESSO) were to try Saturday to take to the air from White Plains airport.

"Operation Toyflight" is to take in a number of cities along a 24,000-mile route.

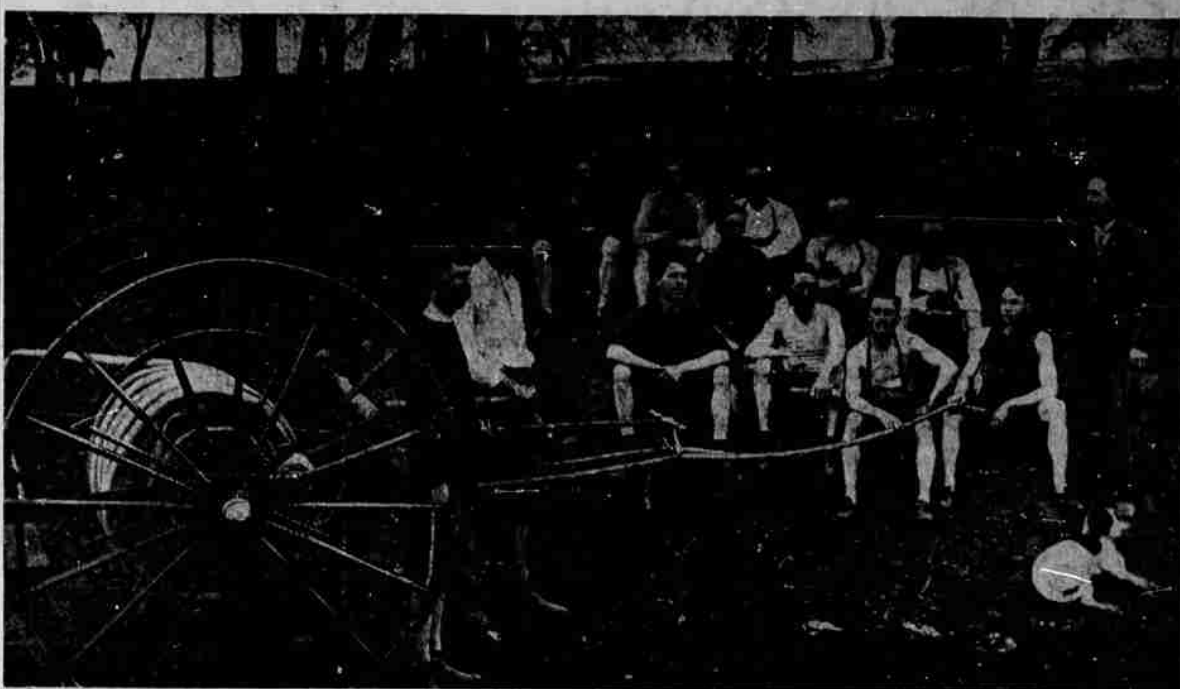
The planes are to carry about 23,000 toys, valued at \$23,000, for distribution in Montreal, Quebec City, communities in New England, New York City, Pittsburgh and other Pennsylvania areas, and Cleveland.

The toys will be distributed to children by local organizations.

Judge East Heads Assn. Of Oregon Circuit Judges

PORTLAND (AP) — Judge William G. East of Eugene is the new president of the Oregon Circuit Judges Association.

Other officers elected at the group's annual meeting here Saturday include Judge E. H. Howell, Canyon City, vice president; Judge Jack S. Bohannon, Tillamook, secretary-treasurer; Judges Charles W. Redding and MacCormac Snow, both Portland, executive council members.



THE OLD AND THE NEW in fire fighting equipment shown here exemplifies some of the progress which has taken place during the period the local Fire Department has held its annual Firemen's Ball. The dance this year, which will be held at the Armory on Christmas Night, will be the 70th annual affair. Around the hand-powered apparatus pictured above are George Day, George Bonebrake, Ed Hamlin, Art Green, Claud Cannon, Pete Parks,

Charles Parrott, Bill Carroll, Stanley Kidder, Charles Fields, L. A. Sanctuary and Lon Short. Below, standing in front of Roseburg's powerful new truck, are Fire Chief William E. Mills, assistant Chief Tony Shukle, Charles Fingerlos, Darrell Bilow, Orville John and Roy McFarland. Fingerlos is chairman of the Firemen's Ball this year and a member of the Volunteer Fire Dept. Tickets for the Dec. 25 dance went on sale today. (Lower photo by Dan Mindolovich.)

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NEW YORK (AP) — The nation's largest metropolis became a ghost city for 15 minutes Saturday in the biggest air raid drill since World War II.

At 8:30 a.m. 579 sirens wailed out in the clear morning. The all-clear was sounded 15 minutes later.

Civil defense workers went into action, waving pedestrians into building shelters. Policemen halted traffic, ordering drivers to leave their cars and get inside.

Only the subways kept moving underground.

There was one "unscheduled" incident. In the Bronx an unidentified man lunged at a patrolman with a foot-long butcher knife when the policeman ordered him to take shelter. The policeman pumped four bullets into the man, killing him.

Nearly everywhere in Manhattan and the Bronx the picture was one of utter silence.

Rockefeller Plaza, normally well traveled even on a Saturday morning, was absolutely deserted.

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